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La Porte undercover detectives arrest local pair for theft



Kevin Gonzales 03/21/1994



Joel Garcia 01/15/1994

On Monday, December 10, members of LPPD's Street Crimes Unit observed two young males walking around unoccupied vehicles, looking into each vehicle, and later walking up to residential garages. Investigators monitored the pair's activity for nearly 45 minutes, when the two males were observed committing two separate theft offenses involving vehicle batteries.

The suspects M.O. was to steal the items from driveway areas, then place the stolen parts in a nearby ditch for collection at a later time, via backpack.

Marked Patrol units were then summoned to the area and the suspects were taken into custody.

After an interview with the suspects, along with other investigative processes, the 18 year old La Porte-based subjects, Kevin Gonzales and Joel Garcia, were both arrested and charged with Class B Theft upon the authorization of the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

As an interesting side note, it was also discovered that one of the subjects also had two outstanding Felony warrants for Theft. La Porte investigators continue to follow up on these leads.